

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please make the following changes in the drawings:

1. In Figure 2C, change reference numeral "162" to --163--.
2. In Figure 3C, change reference numeral "262" to --263--.

Two "Annotated Sheets Showing Changes," with the foregoing proposed changes to Figures 2C and 3C marked in red ink, are enclosed herewith.

The original application was filed with informal drawings. Enclosed are 11 sheets of formal drawings. The foregoing changes to Figures 2C and 3C have been incorporated into the formal drawings. Two paragraphs in the Specification are hereby amended to conform to the foregoing changes in the drawings.

The foregoing changes to the drawings were approved by the Examiner in the parent application. The Applicant submits that the foregoing changes to the drawings add no new matter to the application. In addition, the Applicant submits that the changes and amendments proposed herein will not cause any undue burden on the Office.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following amendments to the Specification:

1. On page 13, line 3, change "162" to --163--.

Marked-Up Version:

Base portion 120 includes a removable cylindrical sleeve 156, a removable cover 160, and a receiver 168. Sleeve 156 is configured to slip over the exterior of shaft portion 170, and includes a longitudinal slot 158 that allows access to screw clamps 174 and 176 when sleeve 156 is placed over shaft portion 170. Slot 158 also allows access to a connector 166 disposed in the lower portion of pole portion 115 when sleeve 156 is placed over shaft portion 170. Connector 166 is conductively coupled to the wires from alternate power system charger 162 and solar cells 135. Cover 160 is preferably concave in shape, thereby defining an interior space which may be used to house the electronics (not shown) of power system 150. Cover 160 may include one or more seams [[162]] 163 that allow access to the interior space defined by cover 160. Receiver 168 releasably receives battery pack 155a. A wire 152 and plug 154 conductively couple battery pack 155a to connector 166, thereby providing an electrical circuit between rechargeable battery pack 155a and light strands 119, 121, 123, and 125 of lighting system 126.

2. On page 16, line 19, change "262" to --263--.

Marked-Up Version:

Base portion 220 includes a removable cylindrical sleeve 256, a removable cover 260, and recessed portions 280 and 282. Sleeve 256 is configured to slip over the exterior of shaft portion 270, and includes a longitudinal slot 258 that allows access to screw clamps 274 and 276 when sleeve 256 is placed over shaft portion 270. Slot 258 also allows access to a connector 266 disposed in the lower portion of pole portion 215 when sleeve 256 is placed over shaft portion 270. Connector 266 is conductively coupled to the wires from alternate power system charger 262 and solar cells 235.

Cover 260 is preferably concave in shape, thereby defining an interior space which may be used to house the electronics (not shown) of power system 250. Cover 260 may include one or more seams [[262]] 263 that allow access to the interior space defined by cover 260. Recessed portion 280 releasably receives batteries 255a, and recessed portion 282 releasably receives external power system charger 251. A wire 252 and plug 254 conductively couple batteries 255a to connector 266, thereby providing an electrical circuit between rechargeable batteries 255a and light strands 219, 221, 223, and 225 of lighting system 226.

The foregoing amendments to the Specification were approved by the Examiner in the parent application. The Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the application. In addition, the Applicant submits that the changes and amendments proposed herein will not cause any undue burden on the Office.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$415.00 to cover the \$375.00 Filing Fee and the \$40.00 Assignment Recordation Fee. No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that are necessary, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **502806**.

Respectfully submitted,

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